

They needed access to immediate capital to pay employees, restore inventory, and make quick repairs, but SBA said it was not in the business of short-term recovery. That is why the upcoming SBJ reauthorization is going to be so important. This will be an opportunity to not only reauthorize funding for the SBA capital and technical assistance programs but also to make the SBA more responsive and efficient for future disasters.

I intend to introduce legislation that I would like to see included in the reauthorization bill to give the SBA more tools for handling future disasters. We need to give SBA expedited disaster loan authority for businesses in good standing with the SBA. We need to authorize short-term bridge loan and grant authority, so that in a major disaster, businesses can get help earlier, rather than later. SBA needs a full-time planning staff, and we must encourage the agency to better utilize its district offices. In the aftermath of Katrina, we need a strong SBA more than ever. In taking the helm, Mr. Preston will be a pivotal figure in the recovery of the gulf coast as well as to the economic growth of small businesses nationwide.

As Administrator, he will be inheriting an agency that by many accounts has an unfortunate legacy of mismanagement, inefficiency, poor employee morale, and soured relations with Congress. The management challenges are huge, but the need to do it right is greater. I believe that in Steven Preston, we have a nominee who can use his corporate management and finance experience to fix SBA. I invite him to not be afraid to take on the old ways of doing things at SBA. If he runs into roadblocks, come talk to us on the Senate Small Business Committee. If he needs a legislative change to move this agency forward, come to us. We want this agency to work. Our small businesses need this agency to work and to work well.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session.

DISCHARGE AND REFERRAL

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the nomination of Drue Pearce to be the Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects be discharged from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and be referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will return to legislative session.

PROVIDING FOR AN ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of H. Con. Res. 440, the adjournment resolution; provided that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 440) was agreed to, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 440

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Thursday, June 29, 2006, or Friday, June 30, 2006, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 10, 2006, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the Senate recesses or adjourns on Thursday, June 29, 2006, Friday, June 30, 2006, or Saturday, July 1, 2006, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand recessed or adjourned until noon on Monday, July 10, 2006, or such other time on that day as may be specified by its Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, or their respective designees, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to reassemble at such place and time as they may designate if, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN BILLS OR JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that during the adjournment of the Senate, the majority whip and both Senators from Virginia be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 3590

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk that is due for a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the title of the bill for a second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3590) to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to delay the effective date of the amendments made by the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 requiring documentation evidencing citizenship or nationality as a condition for receipt of medical assistance under the Medicaid program.

Mr. McCONNELL. In order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to further proceeding.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

AUTHORIZING PRINTING AND BINDING OF SUPPLEMENT TO AND REVISED EDITION OF SENATE PROCEDURE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S.J. Res. 40 that was introduced earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the joint resolution.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

S. J. RES. 40

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. PRINTING OF SUPPLEMENT TO, AND REVISED EDITION OF, SENATE PROCEDURE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Each of the following documents shall be prepared under the supervision of Alan Frumin, Parliamentarian and Parliamentarian Emeritus of the Senate, and shall be printed and bound as a Senate document:

(1) A supplement to "Riddick's Senate Procedure", to be styled "Frumin's Supplement to Riddick's Senate Procedure".

(2) A revised edition of "Riddick's Senate Procedure", to be styled "Frumin's Senate Procedure".

(b) COPIES.—One thousand five hundred copies of each document described in subsection (a) shall be printed for distribution to Senators and for the use of the Senate.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the measure be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The joint resolution (S.J. Res. 40) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

LOUIS BRAILLE BICENTENNIAL—BRAILLE LITERACY COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the